



RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA, PUBLICLY HONORING THE RILEY ROCKETRY TEAM IN REPRESENTING THE CITY OF SOUTH BEND IN THE 2016 TEAM AMERICA ROCKETRY CHALLENGE FINAL FLY-OFF

Whereas, the South Bend Common Council notes that 2016 marks the 14th year of the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association, the National Association of Rocketry and over 25 aerospace company partners making it the largest rocket contest in the world; and

Whereas, the Common Council is proud to recognize that the Riley Rocketry Team of Riley High School competed in the TARC Final Fly-Off, as 1 of 100 teams competing just outside of Washington, D.C. on May 14, 2016. This year’s competition required a rocket to carry two (2) raw eggs, and required the rocket to reach a height of 850’ and then return to earth without cracking the eggs in 44 to 46 seconds; and

Whereas, the all-female **Riley Rocketry Team** members include *Seniors* **Margo Bokhart, Dianne Waweru and Angelique Wise; Juniors Tess Ngochi, Ruby Atkins, and Mila Medich; and Dr. Susan Sakimoto as the RHS Team Coach, Physics Teacher and National Association of Rocketry Mentor;** and

Whereas, TARC has inspired over 60,000 students from across the nation to explore education & careers in the STEM field; with teams representing all 50 states, D.C. & U.S. Virgin Islands in this year’s competition; and

Whereas, this year the Team America Rocketry Challenge was the world’s largest student rocket contest with nearly 5,000 students competing on 789 teams in the competitions leading up to the Final Fly-Off won by the *Space Potatoes* team from Bellevue, Washington. The Riley Rocketry Team’s rocket reached an altitude of 817 feet, with this experience giving the Riley Rocketry Team opportunities of a lifetime.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, by the Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, as follows:

Section I. The Common Council of the City of South Bend, Indiana, is extremely proud to publicly recognize and congratulate the **Riley Rocketry Team**. These talented women studied, designed, & built their rockets and represented James Whitcomb Riley High School, the City of South Bend, and all of their family and friends in the National Finals of the World’s Largest Rocket Contest this year in the Team America Rocketry Challenge.

Section II. The Common Council hopes that each one of the **Riley Rocketry Team** members will continue to shoot for the stars, as each of you are excellent role models for persons of all ages, with very bright adventuresome futures and limitless opportunities ahead. 🚀 **Congratulations!!!!** 🚀

Section III. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Common Council and approval by the Mayor.

Tim Scott, 1st District Council Member

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Kathleen Cekanski Farrand, Council Attorney

Attest:

Approved this ___ day of June, 2016

Kareemah Fowler, City Clerk

Pete Buttigieg, Mayor of South Bend, Indiana

